

July Board Meeting Highlights

The July board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 8 AM. All board members were present.

Staff members present were General Manger, Joel Janorschke, Dale Schwagel, Jerrel Olson and Karen Lupkes.

The minutes of the June board meeting were approved.

The June check register was approved.

The East River July video report was viewed.

Pat Homan reported on East River Board and Basin Electric business.

Janorschke and Olson accompanied MN Representative Jeff Backer and candidate for MN Governor Jeff Johnson on a tour of the Traverse Electric facilities and equipment, and the Wheaton-Dumont Elevator facilities in Dumont and Graceville.

Armstrong reported on the MREA District meeting he attended.

Schwagel give the Operations Report. Items discussed included:

- June outages were reviewed
- Completed projects were reviewed
- Safety program update
- We have received final approval for the urd conversion project west of Sisseton.
- Reviewed upcoming projects including the new East River transmission substation in Roberts County and the Wheaton Dumont Elevator fertilizer facility near New Effington.
- Pole inspections are complete. 2,500 poles were tested with a 10-11% reject rate.
- List of contractors was reviewed.
- We will begin urd inspections next year.
- We will focus on tree trimming next year.

Jim Pederson from STAR Energy presented on their Generator Program.

Kristi Robinson from STAR Energy reviewed the results of the Cost of Service Study.

Approved the purchase of a new AMI meter system from Landis & Gyr to begin in 2019.

Janorschke presented the Manager's Report, which included:

- Discussion on topics discussed at the East River Manager meeting.
- Negotiations update. Board approved union contract.
- Performance review.

Reviewed and approved the April Financial Report.

Selected voting delegates for upcoming meetings for East River and Basin Electric.

List of upcoming meetings and attendees was reviewed.